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(*d*) 146 Indians returned to India via Dhanushkodi during the period 25th May 1958 to 20th June 1958 as a result of the recent disturbances in Ceylon. Two hundred and ninety-five Indians returned to India during the same period by air via Meenambakkam Air Port, but it is not known how many of these 295 Indians had come away on account of the recent disturbances.

(*e*) The number of refugees who have applied for relief is very small, viz., ten. The question of taking any general measures for rehabilitation does not therefore arise. The question whether any relief should be granted to those who have applied for it is however under consideration.

(*f*) The Government of India themselves have been keeping this Government informed of the conditions of the Indians in Ceylon and the recent disturbances and the steps taken to protect them. There was no need for this Government to draw the attention of the Central Government to the plight of Indians of this State in Ceylon.

* 150-B *Q*.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he met the Ceylon High Commissioner on 22nd July 1958; and

(*b*) if so, what subjects were discussed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Minister for Finance met the High Commissioner for Ceylon in India on 22nd July 1958.

(*b*) There was a general discussion about the situation in Ceylon.

Cumbly

* 150-C *Q*.—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cumbli (woollen) weavers in the Salem district;

(*b*) the production during the last five years, year-war;

(*c*) how much of this production has been consumed by this State;

(*d*) how much exported during the above period (year-war); and

(*e*) to which foreign countries or States in the Indian Union?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) About 400.

	1958.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
		(Number of cumblies.)			
(*b*)—	162,000	157,500	145,500	132,000	120,000
(*c*)—	108,000	105,000	97,000	88,000	80,000
	54,000	52,000	48,500	41,000	40,000

The druggets are exported to Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Burma, Ceylon and Kerala.